GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH <u>ABSTRACT</u>

Public Services – Panchayat Raj & Rural Department – Sri K.Gowripathi, (Retired) District Panchayat Officer, Srikakulam District – Allowing the Sand Contractors to execute the Un-registered deeds causing loss to a tune of Rs.5.68 lakh to Government - Disciplinary action initiated - Enquiry conducted – Imposition of Penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one Year under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 745

<u>Dated:04.07.2014.</u> Read the following:-

- Ref:- 1. From the General Administration (V&E) Department, System Improvement Note No. 6(373/V&E/D3/07), Dated:31.3.2007.
 - 2. Memo.No.9605/Vig.IV/A1/2005-2, Dated: 23.6..2005.
 - 3. From the Commissioner, PR&RE, Hyderabad, Memo. 871/CPR.E. 2/2007, Dated: 15.10.2007.
 - 4. G.O.R.T.No. 731, PR&RD (Vig.IV) Department, dated: 16.5.2008.
 - 5. Written Statement of defense submitted by Sri K. Gowripathi, DPO, ETC, Bapatla, Dt. Nil.
 - 6. G.O. Rt.No. 1541, PR &RD (Vig.IV) Department, Dated: 21.8.2012.
 - 7. From Sri Jitender, IPS, COI, D.O. Letter No. 516/COI-J/2010, Dated: 2.11.2012.
 - 8. Memo.No.9605/Vig.IV/A1/2007-4, Dated: 24.1.2013.
 - 9. Representation receive from Sri K. Gowripathi, the then DPO Srikakulam (Now retired) dt. Nil.
 - 10. Memo No.9605/Vig.IV/A1/2007-5, Dated.28.01.2014.
 - 11.Representation received from Sri.K.Gowripathi, DPO (Retired) dt.19.02.2014.
 - 12. Govt. Letter No.9605/Vig.IV/A1/2007-6, Dated.11.03.2014.
 - 13.Letter received from APPSC, Lr.No.731/RT/1/2014, Dated.17.06.2014.

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the General Administration (V&E) Department, after conducting a detailed enquiry on the allegations of allowing sand contractors to execute the unregistered sand lease deeds thereby causing a loss of Rs.5.68 lakh to Government against the Sri K.Gowripathi, the then District Panchayat Officer (Now Retired), Srikakulam District has recommended to initiate action against him.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad was requested to examine the report of General Administration (V&E) Department, and send the draft article of charges against Sri.K.Gowripathi, the then District Panchayat Officer (now Retired), Srikakulam District to initiate disciplinary proceedings for major penalty against him. In the reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad, has furnished the draft articles of charges in respect Sri K.Gowripathi, the then District Panchayat Officer (Now retired), Srikakulam District.

- 3. In the reference 4th read above, the articles of charges have been issued on Sri.K.Gowripathi, the then District Panchayat Officer (Now Retired), Srikakulam District calling for his Written statement of defense on the charges framed against him. In the reference 5th read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his written statement of defense denying the charges framed against him.
- 4. After examining the Written Statement of Defence submitted by the charged officer, Government have decided to entrust the case to Commissioner of Inquiry to conduct inquiry into the charges. In the reference 6th read above, Government have been issued orders appointing Sri.P.Jitender, IPS., (J) Commissioner of Inquiry, as Inquiry Authority.
- 5. In the reference 7th read above, the Inquiry Authority has submitted his inquiry report holding that all the charges are held proved against Sri K.Gowripathi, the then District Panchayat Officer, Srikakulam District.
- 6. In the reference 8th read above, a copy of Inquiry Report was communicated to Sri K.Gowripathi, the then District Panchayat Officer (Now Retired), Srikakulam District under Rule 21 (4) of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, directing him to submit his representation if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Authority within 15 days from the date of receipt. In the reference 9th read above, the charged officer has submitted his representation requesting to drop further action on the charges framed against him.
- 7. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have provisionally decided to impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year against Sri K.Gowripathi, the then District Panchayat Officer, (now retired) Srikakulam District under Rule 9 of A.P Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, a show cause notice has been issued to him calling his explanation vide reference 10th read above.
- 8. In reply to the show cause notice, the Charged Officer Sri K.Gowripathi, the then District Panchayat Officer (now Retired) Srikakulam District has submitted his explanation vide reference $11^{\rm th}$ read above, wherein the charged Officer has requested the Government to reduce the penalty of 5% cut in pension for one year to that of 2% for one year. After examine the explanation of the Charged Officer, its has been proposed to impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year since there are no new grounds in the explanation of the Charged Officer.
- 9. In the reference 12th read above, the APPSC, Hyderabad has been requested to place the above proposed penalty before the commission and obtain its concurrence. The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission have concurred to the proposal of Government to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year against the said charged officer vide reference 13th read above,.
- 10. Government after consideration of the matter, hereby decided to impose a punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year against Sri K.Gowripathi, the then District Panchayat Officer (now Retired), Srikakulam District, under Rule 9 of AP.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 in allowing the Sand Contractors to execute the Un-registered deeds causing loss to a tune of Rs.5.68 lakh to Government. Accordingly the penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year is imposed against Sri K.Gowripathi, the then District Panchayat Officer, Srikakulam District (now retired) under the said rules.

11. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad /District Collector, Srikakulam District shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY, SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

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The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad.

The Individual through Commissioner, Panchayat Raj &

Rural Employment, Hyderabad.

The District Collector, Srikakulam District.

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The P.S. to Minister (PR&RWS),

The General Administration (V&E) Department, Hyderabad,

The A.P. Public Services Commission, Hyderabad.

The Secretary, A.P. Vigilance Commissioner, Hyderabad.

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